The rule specifically says:

"A member who wishes to ask a question shall give notice in writing to the Secretary at least 12 clear days before the date fixed for the meeting at which he desires to put the question."

I desired to put the questions only to-day. As such the questions were in time. After getting the order that questions are rejected I sent in another letter requesting that in the light of rule 12, the order may be reconsidered. I regret to submit that I have not got a reply to that. So I request that a definite ruling may be passed now by the Chair. Further, under the rules questions have to be sent only 12 clear days before, the *actual meeting*.

President: The fact so far admitted appears to be that the session was summoned for the 22nd July. It did not take place on that day for particular reasons. The question which the honourable member now asks is whether this session of the Council can be taken to have commenced on the 22nd July although no business was transacted on that day. Conversely, if the session fixed for the 22nd July had proceeded to transact work, obviously this session would have been regarded as having commenced on the 22nd July. It was, therefore, an accident.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I point out one fact? In this rule, the word used is *meeting* not *session*.

President: Therefore the 22nd July was the day of the meeting. However it was by a mere accident that the meeting which had been convened for the 22nd July could not take place. If it had taken place the honourable member would certainly not have been in order in continuing the same questions on the ground that the meeting did not begin on the 22nd July. I have considered that question very carefully at the time these questions were sent up. I think there is no other ruling to be given now than what has already been given.

REGULATIONS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA.

Secretary to the Council: Sir, I beg to report that the Travancore Hindu Law of Inheritance (Amendment) Bill and the Travancore Mechanical Lighters' Excise duty Bill have received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

Rao Bahadur A. Rengaswami Aiyar: Under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Regulation II of 1108.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Demand.	Amount in Rs.	Particulars.
XX. Administration of Justice.	1,000	Under "Fees to Vakils", for Sirkar Vakils' Department.
XII. Police.	14,030	For the reorganisation of the C. I. D. Branch of the Police Department.
XVII. Medical, Public Health and Sanitation—Public Health and Sanitation.	15,000	Under "Prevention of Epidemics".
XXI. Jails,	5,000	Under Central Prison Contingencies - dieting charges, etc.
XXX. Capital Expenditure—Railways.	7,613	For payment of additional compensation for the lands acquired for the Chackai—Tampanur extention.
XXXVI. Debt Heads—Investments on Reproductive works—Rubber Factory.	1,000	For payment of liabilities in connection with the construction of a new building for the Rubber Factory at Chackai.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President: I have to announce to the House that under Rule 3 (1) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I have nominated Mr. M. Govindan and Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai to the Panel of Chairmen for this session of the Council.

FELICITATIONS TO RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, we take this opportunity to express our felicitations for the honour conferred on the leader of the House by the bestowal on him of the title of Rao Bahadur. Sir, it is indeed a fitting recognition of the meritorius services rendered by Dr. Kunjan Pillai to the Government as well as to the people of the State.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly